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DISTRICT COURT STILL IN SESSION

Few Cases Being Disposed of—Mrs. Minnie Latham Case to be Called This Week.

District Court is still in session, and is expected to continue for several days yet. From some cause, however, there has not been a great deal done since last Friday. The cases disposed of at this writing are:

State of Texas vs. C. A. Daniels; charge of forgery. Verdict of not guilty returned by jury.

Oz Smith vs. St. Paul Fire Insurance Company; continued.

Oz Smith vs. Camden Fire Insurance Company; continued to next term of court.

State of Texas vs. Dick Pitts, charged with theft; continued to next term of court.

State of Texas vs. Ed Baze, in which it is alleged Baze conducted and ran a gaming table. Continued next term of court.

300 Are Massacred By Chinese Bandits

Pekin, March 22.—Outrages by brigands in Central China are assuming alarming proportions. Several bands associated with the notorious outlaw White Wolf are ravaging various parts of the country, ruthlessly murdering and robbing the people and burning their property.

The latest bandit exploit was the massacre of 300 townsfolk who resisted their entrance into an important market town close to Siangyangfu, Province of Hupeh. Most of the town was burned and the population ruined financially. On the occasion of the recent sacking of Kingtzokwan, Province of Honan, the local troops made no effort to resist the brigands. The troops were commanded by a general, formerly a noted brigand chief. The Government is unable to deal with the situation and there is every prospect of further development of brigandage.

The revolutionary element is strong threughout the country. Arrests and executions are frequent. The entire Northern army soon will be employed in the suppression of brigandage.

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Benton Not Killed By Gen. Villa

Washington, D. C., March 21.—William S. Benton, British subject, was not shot by Villa, but was stabbed to death in Villa's office at Juarez by Major Rudolfo Fiero, accurding to persons believed to be conversant with with the findings thus far of the special Mexican commission appointed by Carranza to investigate Benton's death.

British Consul Percival, who left El Paso for his post at Galveston, has forwarded a report to the British embassy, which is expected Monday. The report, it is understood, will corroborate the finding of the Mexican commission to the extent that Benton was stabbed, but does clearly establish who committed the act.

SPRINGTIME BRINGS GLADDENED SPIRITS

Everybody Has Discarded the Drawn And Haggard Lines Caused by the Wintry Blast, and Have Donned a Smiling One.

Springtime, with its sweet-scented roses, velvet verdure, green herbage, foliated leaves, beautiful lassies in white, pompous soda dispenser and the smile of all the world has returned.

The days of over-coats, coal stoves and freezing weather have past. Ice, snow and sleet have fought a losing fight in the great equinoctial battle which the celestial bodies has waged fiercely. The ground hog has made its exit from its winter quarters. The honey bee has begun its work of making honey again. The sleeping serpent has emerged from his hole among the rocks, and lies out-stretched in the sand taking a sun bath. The winds have changed their course. The whole world is busy and smiling.

106 Rebels Fall Before Rebel Fire

Durango, Mexico, March 21.—The rebel net about Torreon and vicinity was drawn tighter today and General Herra fought the most important engagement of his advance near the hacienda of Santa Clara, 22 miles north of Torreon.

In the engagement, 106 Federals were killed and seven wounded. The rebel loss was slight, three killed and seven wounded.

The fight took place over possession of a spot on the banks of the big Tlahulilo irrigation ditch, where Herrera wished to throw a bridge and the construction of which he began immediately upon retirement of the enemy, whose number he estimated at four hundred men.

A report to rebel officers from Bermejillo, a few miles north of Torreon states that rebels entered the former city this afternoon after an hour fighting.

ATHLETIC CONTEST LAST SATURDAY

Snyder Boys Take Ribbon In Athletic Contest at Wolfe's Park From Fluvanna And Hermleigh.

In the Athletic Contest, here last week, the Snyder boys won and, in spite of the inclement weather, made excellent records.

The following is a record of events, showing winners, results etc.:

The Hermleigh boys had only three of their team on the grounds, therefore were seriously handicapped. Nevertheless, they made a very good showing, Coker scoring 14 points, with Adams Rhea, each, one point, making a total of 16 points.

The Ennis school boys scored a total of 25 points, a good showing for a team handicapped like they were by lack of training in the different athletic lines.

The Snyder boys finished with a total of 91 points. In the hurdle race Boren was disqualified from second place, having knocked a hurdle. However as there were only three men in the final beat, he came out with third place.

Strayhorn, Boren and Hull, of the Snyder team, are to be specially complimented for their good work, Strayhorn having a total of 22 1-4 points, Boren a total of 17 1-4 points and Hull a total of 16 1-4 points. Coker of Hermleigh, and Vineyard of Ennis, also made good showing, Coker 14 points, and Vineyard 12 1-2.

E. J. Anderson acted as official referee and starter; Augustine Howell as announcer and score and timekeeper; Sam Atnip, Connie McMullan and Bernice Brice acted as judges.

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Announcements:

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FOR COUNTY JUDGE
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FOR COUNTY CLERK
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FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
Richard Webb
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FOR TREASURER
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FOR TAX COLLECTOR
W. M. Curry

FOR CITY MARSHAL:
O. Wolfe, re-election.
W. Rogers

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE
and Co. Pre. No. 1.
G. W. Brown

Commissioner Precinct No. 4
and Justice of the Peace
T. D. WINSTON.

In this age of co-opration in which maufacturing and commercial interests have attained wonderful develoment and success by merging their resources, it is not to be wondred at that co-operation has slowly but inevitably wended its way into rural life. The old method of individulism is gradully giving way to the co-operative spirit and the result is a greatly reduced cost of living and lessened expense of farming. Texas farmers are leading co-operative movement and it is gradually being extenden into every feature of community life.

A report issued by the German Council General at St Petersburg, shows that even "Darkest Russia" could give us a few pointers in railway construction. The report shows that under Russia's great scheme of railway construction, more than seven thousand miles are being built, and that the Trans Siberia Railway will connect with the black Sea by a direct line. The promotion of the cotton industray in Siberia and the Trans Caspian country, is thought to be the principal reason for the demand for increased railroad facilities in the land of the Czar. There are many thousands of acres of acres of land in Texas that are now as bare as the bleak hills of the Siberian country, which are only awaiting the advent of the railroad to make them rich with the welth of the harvest.

Plenty of both kinds of Oak wood for heater and cook stove Phone 154 Jim Dawson.

SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSED

Farmers' Union Officials Want No Politics.

Ft. Worth, Texas—The suggestion that the Legislature meet in special session to enact, among other measures, laws needed by the farmers emboldens us to make a few observations concerning the proposed session and its work.

The Farmers' Union has had considerable experience as an organization with legislatures, having had representatives at Austin during the sessions for the past dozen assemblies or more, and our observation prompts us to suggest to Governor Colquitt that in addition to the exactions he has made he also require the members to promise their constituents that in the event the session is called they agree not to commit grand larceny upon the tax payers by playing to galleries or to sand-bag Father Time by making political speeches during the session. We already have too many political aviators darkening the skies with their queer crafts and any member inclined to rise and fly in search of office while the legislature is in session should be regulated and restrained, for it is not in the interest of the farmer to turn loose a flock of partisan orators in the legislative halls while agricultural matters are under consideration.

A Tremendous Task.

We leave the question of calling an extra session with the Governor without comment, but we want to take this occasion to impress upon legislators present and future the magnitude of the task they are undertaking. The subjects of warehouse bills, rural credits and kindred matters have been receiving constant study by the Farmers' Union for the past ten years and they are by no means solved to our entire satisfaction. We are entering a new rural civilization and the problem of agricultural legislation is as big as the continent and one that requires master minds and years of experience to deal with successfully. It is easy to throw a few words together in the form of an enactment, but quite another matter to put a workable law upon the statute book containing native ability to germinate activity and distribute energy throughout the agricultural life of State. There is already too much agricultural gossip upon the statute book; we want laws that can live and labor. A law that a politician can run for office on and one that a farmer can run a farm on, are entirely different propositions.

Law Makers Follow the Sap.

It is refreshing to find the legislature getting back to the soil. We have been legislating downward. We are now beginning at the soil and going upward and for the first time, following the direction of the sap. Many efforts have been made to legislate in favor of the farmer by building subsidiary industries and to assist the farmer by restraining the manufacturers, traders and carriers but such legislation has been comparatively worthless so far as the farmers are concerned. To meet the situation successfully will require a code of laws adapted to the business of farming.

War At Any Price.

War at any price has been the slogan of some people for the past few years and now let us have peace without price. The agricultural problems now confronting us call for statesmen—not warriors. The improvement of our educational system demands students—not warriors. The expansion of our industries demands diplomats—not warriors. The real elimination problem in this campaign is to get rid of liquor warriors—pro and anti. If they cannot earn a livelihood during the next four years at peaceful pursuits they should be either chloroformed or pensioned.

The State Democratic Prohibition convention had before it the pleadings of the Farmers' Union for peace and they chose war. The opposing forces will make their final declaration on April 14th. If they have the welfare of the farmer at heart, they will take no part in the liquor controversy but will sign the treaty of peace promulgated by the Farmers' Union. We will wait patiently to hear what they have to say.

W. D. LEWIS, President.
PETER RADFORD, Ex-President.
Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas.

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The labor problem of Texas today is on the farm and first attention should be given to those who work in the field.

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" 55, 2180730
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The fire originated from a plumber's torch.

The Amarillo Fire Department went to Canyon's assistance.

No one was hurt.

Considerable equipment was saved. The college will hold sessions in the courthouse pending rebuilding.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION NEEDED

The Farm the Place to Study All Legislative Problems.

COURAGEOUS LEADERS NEEDED.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—The principal function performed by government today is to collect taxes, keep records and prevent and punish crime; but that is not sufficient. Government should tip its hat to the Goddess of Opportunity as courageously as it draws a six-shooter on a train robber. We ought to encourage thrift as well as restrain greed. We have been basing legislation upon the extremes of human life—the classes high and low, the depraved and the talented—let us now reach the masses and the extremes will more nearly disappear. Our statutes are filled to overflowing with pity and revenge; let us add opportunity.

The slogan of the Farmers' Union is co-operation. Not only among individual farmers, but between all legitimate and useful occupations. We want to sit around the hearthstone of industry and talk over problems of mutual interest with our neighbors.

We want to invite those who are earnestly searching for information on public questions to get back to the soil with their investigations where, in the stillness of nature, they can climb the mountain-top of wisdom, explore the deep canyons of knowledge and stroll through the quiet valleys of understanding.

There is no problem in civilization that cannot be found in its native state on the farm. The labor, educational, financial, transportation, home-building and all other problems are there. We will discuss a few of them.

The Labor Problem.

We bow to the dignity of labor. No one would be willing to do more to lighten the burdens, increase the safety, comforts and profits of those who labor in commerce and industry than their fellow toilers in agriculture. But how about the farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world and who works from sun until sun? Is he not also entitled to an increase in pay and a shortening of hours? Much has been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, drenched in perspiration, gathering the harvest, and little children, their lips wet with mother's milk, toiling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not the man who digs in the ground entitled to the same consideration as he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter?

The farmer has been bearing his burdens as patiently as the beast he plows, but is patience a bar from justice? The labor problem of Texas today is on the farm and the first attention should be given those who labor in the field.

The Need of Cheap Money.

Agriculture has never been properly financed. The farmer pays a much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially that of farm products, is not so readily accepted as a basis of credit as the property of other lines of industry of equal market value.

The farmers of Texas owe $200,000,000 and they pay from ten to thirty per cent per annum interest. This load, more than any other, is breaking the back of the Texas farmer.

A rural or land credit system is needed that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time at a cheap rate of interest. The land problem in Texas presents extremes that probably do not exist in any other country on the globe. More than half the farmers are landless and we have 11,123 plantations and ranches containing more than 1,000 acres each and 12,833 with 500 to 1,000 acres each. We have more large farms and ranches than any state in the Union.

A statute based on sound business principles that will enable the landless to buy and encourage the large land owner to sell, is much needed and one that merits the most serious consideration of the legislature.

The financial problem of the state and nation is on the farm and first attention should be given those who create the nation's wealth.

Compulsory Education Favored.

Our educational problems cannot be satisfactorily solved by making more liberal appropriations for our Universities and colleges and we may add, district schools.

The educational problem in Texas at this hour is not in the school room. It is in the home and the field. It is a hard struggle for many farmers to keep their children in local schools and 42 per cent fail utterly and not over 5 per cent send their children off to high school, although 60 per cent would gladly do so if they were not restrained by poverty.

We now have 230,000 children of scholastic age that can neither read or write. There can be no excuse given to either God or man that will justify parents in raising their children in ignorance, no matter what hardships it may entail and there should be a law passed compelling children to attend school during the entire school term. Such a statute and better paid teachers and a more practical course of study will increase the efficiency of our boys and girls for the battles of life.

In higher education there is involved a financial obligation which cannot be discharged by statutory enactment. It can only be met by making the business of farming more remunerative through a system of co-operative laws and better-marketing methods.

Our educational problem is on the farm, and first attention should be given the country school.

Stock and Bond Law.

The stock and bond law is a masterpiece of constructive legislation that no one would repeal but a few would amend. We are not sufficiently familiar with this subject to offer a suggestion, but at the expense of being considered impertinent we want to ask if this is a perfect piece of legislation? A great portion of our state is yet unrailed and the present facilities are inadequate to properly handle the traffic. The extension and improvement of our railroad properties is a matter we leave in the hands of the railroad commission. We assign this subject to their wisdom, ability and patriotism and do not believe their work should be blockaded by opinions or restrained by superstition.

Good roads is a subject of overshadowing importance and additional legislation is much needed. The problem of transportation is on the farm, for the farmer is a beneficiary of all improvements in highways and railroads.

Our Penitentiary System.

Our penitentiaries have been the subject of much public discussion and legislative action. The farmer stands for humane treatment of convicts, efficient business methods in operation and character restoring of the criminals, but does not think the penitentiary should be made a more attractive place to live in than the average citizen possesses. We think convicts should work upon the public highways where they do not compete with free labor, either in agriculture or industry.

We think this subject has been given prominence in the press out of proportion with its importance, as compared with other public measures. There are over a million farmers outside the penitentiary who, we think, are entitled to preference in legislative enactments, over those who are on the inside.

In closing let us say: These conditions challenge the statesmanship of the age. We must select leaders whose ears are attuned to the song of the plow, the music of growing things and the melody of the harvest. Only the strong should shoulder the burden, the swift enter the race and the brave lead the battle. It will not do to choose leaders who will cower under the lash of fear, tremble before the phantom of superstition, kneel and kiss the skirts of fame and fondle the hand of ambition. We need men, strong and powerful, who can rise above factional strife, partisan prejudice and conquer the forces of civilization.

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THE WOMAN IN THE FIELD

The Farm Woman Needs Relief More Than Her City Sister.

By Peter Radford.

Much has been said and more written about the woman in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman who works in the field? I want to say a few words in her behalf. I regret a necessity that compels woman to work for a livelihood and I favor not only shortening her hours, but freeing her from manual labor entirely. I crave for society that high standard of excellence where the home is woman's throne and her life is devoted to molding the character and elevating the thought of the rising generation. But so long as want, greed and misfortune prevail in this world, women, through choice or necessity, will work, and perhaps they will work at one task or another as many hours per day as they please.

We may pity the weak and admire the strong in their struggle, but the farm woman is entitled to her share of sympathy and reward.

All Must Toil.

The labor problem, as relates to men, is a most vexatious one and when we apply it to women it becomes more seriously complicated. We will always have to work unless some political genius can put a law on the statute book that will enable us to live without labor. So long as every person must meet toil face to face, the best we can do is to equitably distribute the burdens and reward of labor, and if there is to be a revision of wages and a shortening of hours, I want the farm woman to get her share. She has more reason to complain than any other class of toilers. She has, as a rule, fewer comforts, fewer pleasures, less recreation and less opportunity for enjoyment than her sister in the city. She has not so many conveniences and fewer luxuries and less to be thankful for than women who who live in the town, but she toils on, a model of consistency, patience and womanly devotion. Certainly she should be the first to be rewarded.

The Real Labor Problem is on the Farm.

The great dailies with flaming headlines deplore the lot of women who toil in the cities, the city pulpit thunders with sympathy for her and the legislators orate in her behalf, but not a line is written, a word said or a speech delivered in the interest of the million women who labor on the farm. Where one woman works in the cities in Texas, there are a hundred mothers toiling in the field, and no mention is made of it. Is the woman in the city entitled to any more consideration than the woman on the farm? I contend that she is not. The city woman may be more easily restrained by legislation and she may have a more attentive audience when she cries aloud, but the real labor problem, insofar as it relates to women and children, is on the farm. It is there we find the mother, drenched in perspiration, and the child, its lips wet with mother's milk, wielding the hoe and gathering the harvest, toiling day in and day out without hope of reward.

The City Life Puny.

The farm women work from sun until sun. They do their housework and lull a half million babes to sleep after the chickens go to roost and they get breakfast and milk the cows before the lark sings. The city woman frequently chafes under hardships that the farm women would consider a blessing. The city people are great talkers and oftimes greatly magnify their troubles and enlarge their accomplishments. This characteristic permeates organized society as well as enters into the individual life of cities. There are orphan asylums which are doing commendable work and should be encouraged, that boast of their accomplishments, but I have seen widows in the country make a crop, drink branch water and eat corn-bread and molasses and raise more children and better children than many of these city orphan asylums. The cities need to get back to the soil with their ideals. They are hysterical, puny and feeble in their conception of life, its requirements and its opportunitis.

SWEETWATER—The most expensive and elaborate saddle ever made was completed last week by the S. D. Meyer Manufacturing Company of this city. This piece of saddlery is valued at 10,000 and was made for Joe. C Miller of the 101 Ranch Wild West Shows. The saddle is studded with a number of large diamonds and other expensive stones.

Hamlin—What is said to be the highest price ever paid for 2 year old steers was recorded here recently when Perry Steed of Altus, Oklahoma purchased 153 head of 2 year old stuff, for a consideration of $8,360. This is an avrage of more than $54. per head.

UVALDE--A large force of men are busily engaged in laying additional water pipe for the Uvalde Water Works at this place. Most of the work consists of 12 inch water mains and will add considerably to the efficiency of the company's service to the fire protection of Uvalde. A low in surance rate is anticipated with the completion of this work.

PALACIOS--Work has commenced here on the construction of a large gin. It will have large store houses and cotton houses for the handling of ginned cotton.

Dallas, Tex. Mch..The annual report of the directs of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has just been issued and a number of copies furnished the Texas officers for free distribution among patrons. The company operates 8,133,017 'phones and reaches 70,000 cities, towns and villages of the United Staes. The magnitude of the copration is made manifest when the number of place reached by 'phone are compared with the number of postoffices, railway stations and telegraph offices. There are 60,000 postoffices, an eqnal nomber of railway stations, and 25,000 telegraph stations in the United States. The system operates more sixteen million miles of ,phone wires and handles nearly nine billion calls per year. Dnring the vear the company made $54,871, 000 worth of improvements and beterments in the service and is planning to expend a like amount in construction during 1914.

Fort Worth, Tex. Mch—There are 127, 000. 000 gallons of water consumed every day on the farms of Texas, acording to date compile by the Texas, Farm Life Commission, from reports of the Fedral Department of Agricnlture. Cattle are the heavist drinkers of water and use 73' 000 000 gallons per day; the farmer and his family consume 24, 000, 000 gallons per day; horses and mnles 20, 000, 000 gallons and the requirement for hogs, goats and other uses is 10, 000, 000 gallons daily. At this rate the annual requrement for the rural districts of Texas is approximately fifty billon gallons.

A rural or land credit system is needed in Texas that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time and at a cheep rate of interest.

King George Assumes The Peace Maker Role

King George assumed the role of peacemaker today in an effort to prevent threatened trouble in Ulster.

Just what the result of His Majesty's concilatory move will be is a matter of conjecture tonight, yut it is known that the King is using every influence to avoid bloodshed in the Ulster controversy.

The King had a long conference with Prime Minister Asquith, Secretary for War Colzelry, and several other high officers and afterward summoned Field Marshal Lord Roberts. The latter has been criticised by Liberals for utterances which they construed as lending encouragement to those officers who resigned from their regiments.

From the palace the veteran field marshal drove directly to the war office where he had a long conference with the Secretary for war.

The West Texas News quotes a distant relative of ours, Capt. Miles Standish, as saying he preferred facing a cannon to a woman, and adds: "What sensible man wouldn't?" Well, whether it is sensible or not, we had rather face the woman. We are extremely bashful, and nothing embarasses us so much as to meet a lady. Frequently we will forget and leave our hat remain on, if we meet in the house, but this politeness is always made up for on other occasions when we keep it off right in the sun, and twist it as if we were wringing out a dishrag while she is talking to us. This is bad enough but if we had to face a cannon or a woman, we'd take the woman every time.

BARACA'S HAD CLASS MEETING.

Tuesday evening the Baraca class of the Baptist church, met at the hospitable home of their teacher, Mrs. Fred Grayum, and transacted some unfinished business of the class. There were twelve members and about the same number of visiting ladies present. Refreshments were served.

If you have troubles, don't fail to ask Grayum Drug Company about the Lax Fos way.

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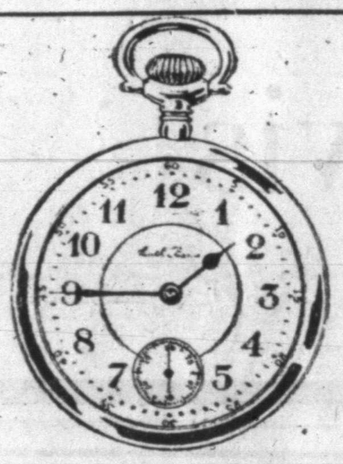
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